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## Two Charged with Choking, Beating and Robbing Woman at Glendale Motel

A man and woman were charged today with assaulting and robbing a 29-year-old woman at a Glendale motel, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jasper Lamer Johnson (dob 3/12/86) and Paige Lark (dob 10/7/91), both of Fountain Valley, face one count each of attempted murder, criminal threats and first-degree residential robbery.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department 1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Glendale Branch.

Case GA098495 also charges Johnson with one count of resisting executive officer and Lark with two counts of battery upon a custodial officer.

Lark was out of custody for an unrelated case at the time of the crime and Johnson was convicted in Los Angeles of carrying a loaded firearm with prior conviction in 2010; receiving stolen property in San Luis Obispo in 2008; battery by gassing while in a San Bernardino prison in 2004; and carjacking in Los Angeles in 2003 as a juvenile, according to allegations included on the charging document.

On March 18, Johnson is charged with strangling the victim while Lark allegedly punched her until she lost consciousness, prosecutors said. When the victim began to regain consciousness, Johnson and Lark repeated their attack, according to prosecutors. The victim awoke on a balcony outside the motel room in which the assault occurred.

After the defendants were arrested, Lark is alleged to have kicked and spit at two jailers and Johnson is charged with threatening a detective, prosecutors added.

The recommended bail for Johnson is more than \$1.6 million and more than \$1.5 million for Lark.

If convicted as charged, both defendants face life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Glendale Police Department.

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